

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ACTION SUMMARY**  
**Thursday, September 11, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Administration Building – Board Chambers**  
**2101 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA 95825**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Trujillo. Board Members present: Clark, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Kelly, Trujillo, Valley. Directors Jones and Lawson, absent. Staff: Fire Chief Mette, Board Clerk Tilson, General Counsel Margarita.

**PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by the Girl Scouts of Tierra Del Oro.

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**PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN  
DISTRICT JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. Board Meeting Action Summary—August 28, 2008**

- **Board Action:**  
*Clark/Granados—approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL: Clark, Goold, Granados, Kelly, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Director Engellenner, abstained. Directors Jones and Lawson, absent. Motion carried.*

**ACTION ITEM(S):****1. AT&T Calnet 2 Contract Award—(Roseberry)**

- The current contract with AT&T Calnet 1 through the State of California expires in December, 2008. The State of California conducted a competitive bidding process and awarded AT&T the bid for phone and data services for the Calnet 2 contract.
- The District currently spends approximately \$472,000 a year for phone and data services. By signing the Calnet 2 contract through the State with AT&T, the District will save more than \$12,000 a year.
- Staff recommended the Board authorize the District to sign a five-year contract (a two-year guaranteed contract with three additional one-year options to extend) with AT&T for phone and data services.
- **Board Action:**  
*Kelly/Valley—approve the staff recommendation. ROLL CALL: Clark, Engellenner, Goold, Granados, Kelly, Trujillo, Valley, AYE. Directors Jones and Lawson, absent. Motion carried.*

**PRESENTATION ITEM(S)****1. Proposed Medic Fee Schedule—(Arend)**

- A two-page staff report accompanied by an Ambulance Rate Cost Calculation Report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and a Medic Fee Schedule were submitted.
- The cost analysis to operate each ambulance was based on one 4<sup>th</sup> step Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1) and one Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic (EMT/P) with 6% education and 4% longevity incentives.

The total operation cost per medic was calculated at \$1,275,940 to include staffing, vehicle costs, electronics/communication equipment, medical equipment and service, and support staffing.

Service agreements for gurneys, waste management, monitor service agreements, licensing fees, vehicle insurance, reserve medic equipment, and other administrative support staff costs were not included in the analysis.

- The District will expend approximately \$17,900,000 to operate 14 full-time transport units in Fiscal Year 2008-09 which does not include the cost of flex cars, reserve units, one cross-staffed unit, and the maintenance costs associated with these extra units. If the annual number of transports continues the current trend of increasing 5.5% yearly, 33,000 patients will be transported. If the net receipt decline continues its trend, the net receipt will drop to 40% of the gross billing. To recover the costs associated with this service, an increase of \$150 to the base rate would be needed.
- Staff recommends the District increase the base transport rate from \$950/transport to \$1,100/transport effective October 1, 2008. This represents an increase of 15.7% while the increase in the cost of services has risen 23.8% due to rising fuel prices and a more accurate method of calculating the costs associated with transport unit operations.

The proposed ordinance to increase the fees will be considered at the regular Board meeting on September 25, 2008.

- The Finance Committee at its meeting held today voted to recommend Board approval of the proposed increase.

Discussion included:

- A request to add in the referenced costs not included in the analysis such as the service agreements for the gurneys, etc.
- Important to educate the community that the District is receiving about 40% of its gross billing to provide ambulance service.
- Battalion Chief Arend stated our billing agency sends a survey to transport patients with a rating scale to include the cost of the service. He also responds to requests for a follow-up phone call to explain the cost and answer questions.
- Fire Chief Mette stated the rates are comparable to other fire agencies in the region.
- Director Granados requested Chief Arend provide a graphic chart of the District costs because it is not viable to continue with an increased call volume and a continuing decrease in reimbursement each year.
- Director Valley stated at the Finance Committee meeting, staff pointed out that other ways to cover this cost are being explored. He is looking forward to the information.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT—(Trujillo)** None.**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—(Fire Chief Mette)**

- Fire Incident Report – 7 working structure and 41 grass fires since the last Board meeting.
- Sixteen Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District personnel are deployed in southeast Texas as part of a swift water rescue team for Hurricane Ike. Deputy Chief Miller is also in Texas serving as part of the incident command structure.
- Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District firefighters gathered this morning at their station's flag poles for a moment of silence in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11/2001.
- Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District also participated in a multi-agency 9/11 press conference and memorial event at Cal Expo.
- Participated in the Homeland Security Conference.
- September 5, 2008 – attended the United Way Kick-Off Breakfast.
- September 15, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. – Memorial Service for Engineer Bob Werner will be held at the First Covenant Church, 10933 Progress Court in Rancho Cordova.

- **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION REPORT –**

Report by Deputy Chief Jim Eastman:

**Community Services –**

- August 30 – attended a Classic Car Show in Rio Linda with 111C
- September 1 – Good Day Sacramento Event with T106A
- September 6 – Cops and Kids – North Highlands with 42A
- Projects being worked on:
  - iPOD grant translations
  - Bob Werner photos for funeral
  - Fire Station Resource Boxes for better communications with line personnel
  - Blight Busters—September 24, 2008 in Cordova Gardens area, Rancho Cordova
  - Cordova High School Public Safety Academy commences on September 16 – Director Granados would like to attend. Continues through December.

- Camp Smokey completed successfully with approximately 10,000 kids going through at Cal Expo
- Operation River Safe continued on September 1, 2008
- 111A Charity Motorcycle Poker Run – September 7, 2008 – charitable event held with proceeds to local charities and the Fire Fighters Burn Institute

**Project Manager –**

- Station 29 project is moving forward.

**Facilities Division –**

- Obtaining a geophysicist to locate and determine any underground tanks or infrastructure that must be removed at old Station 110 prior to selling.
- Procuring the furnishings and equipment for Station 29.

**Fire Prevention Bureau Activities –**

- Attended a Nuisance Response Team concerning blight and vacant homes.
- Working with the Opti-Solar plant at McClellan.
- Scheduling training on our company inspection program.
- Meeting with our three building officials to discuss firefighter safety issues.
- Working on a new fire sprinkler ordinance for high density residential projects with the City of Rancho Cordova.
- Reviewing fee schedule for possible increase in hourly rate.

**Fleet –**

- New Engine 53 went into service last week.
- Six new Medics are now in service.
- The two medics inspected last week will be delivered to the dealer in Sacramento on Friday; arrival at Fleet by the end of next week.

**Logistics –**

- Operation River Safe support along with the CERT members. Handed out around 500 life jackets.
- Coordinating annual inspection and cleaning of structure gear turnouts.
- Pulling inventory for three new engines that will arrive within the month.
- Nine new thermal imaging cameras received and engraved – taken to Safety for issue.
- 50% complete with hose testing cache.

**Information Technology –**

- Domain controller completed.
- Preparing the replacement workstations for surplus still in progress.
- Reprogrammed the new 800 MHz portable radios.
- Starting the inventory of communication supplies and assets.

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT—(Margarita)**      None

**COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS:**

**Executive Committee—(Trujillo)**

- Next Meeting:      TBD

**Communications Center Delegate—(Valley)**

- Next Meeting:      September 18, 2008 – 10:30 AM

**California Fire & Rescue Training Authority—(Kelly)**

- Next Meeting:      September 24, 2008 – 10:00 AM

**Finance Committee—(Granados)**

- Reported on today's meeting.
- Next Meeting:      October 9, 2008 – 5:00 PM

**Policy Committee—(Lawson)**

- Next Meeting:      September 25, 2008 – 5:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

**Kelly:**

- In light of what this Country went through on September 11, 2001, would like to close the meeting with a moment of silence.

**Valley:**

- In agreement with a moment of silence.

**Clark:**

- Thanked the members of Local 522 for a great job at the Labor Day Picnic.  
He and Directors Kelly and Lawson also spent a part of the morning at Loaves and Fishes doing some volunteer work.  
Appreciate the work everybody did on Labor Day.

**Goold:**

- In addition to remembering the losses on 9/11, would like to remember the men and women who are active in the military today maintaining our liberties.
- In recent reports, there has been some discussion about delays and arrival times by public agencies with law enforcement and some sister agencies. Emphasized that he will go down fighting to maintain arrival times and that we never change and actually try to improve our arrival times.

**Granados:**

- Thanked the staff for working hard to get some resolution to our budget problems.
- Thanked Fire Chief Mette for representing the District so well at the 9/11 Ceremony.
- Fire Chief Mette was also mentioned on the news this afternoon for forcing the County to fix the radios. Communications are critical.

**Trujillo:**

- The meeting will be closed with a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11 and in honor of Bob Werner who was the head of the Color Guard. Condolences go out to the family.
- Thanked staff for their reports tonight.
- Thanked the men and women in the Fire Service who do a tremendous job for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and are the best.
- Thanked the firefighters and constituents who called him after the last meeting for their good comments and encouragement.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION 6:50 PM**

[Taken out of order after Committee and Delegate Reports]

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:05 PM**

Report by General Counsel Margarita:

**CLOSED SESSION GOVERNMENT CODES:**

Director Engellenner recused from Closed Session Item No. 1A.

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Joseph A. Salazar, Jr.)**  
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Two Cases

- A. Teresa Means-Ferguson vs. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 07AS02810

No action.

- B. Irene Yslas vs. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 07AS02789

No action.

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6(f)

- A. District Negotiator: Fire Chief Don Mette  
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

No action taken.

- B. District Negotiator: Fire Chief Don Mette  
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Organization/Teamsters Local 150

No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. with a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11 and Bob Werner.

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Ray Trujillo, President

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Gregory A. Granados, Secretary

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Charlotte Tilson, Clerk of the Board